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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting on Photo Processing and Library Service

Present: Messrs. Bissell, Miller, Landahl, []

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1. Minicard System. Mr. Bissell said that since the Minicard System had been accepted by the Agency and USAF as their approved method for information retrieving, this in itself was considerable testimony as to its value. He said he felt it would make certain kinds of research much easier and would enable us to handle very complex data at a faster rate than has been possible. [] said we need a study to determine exactly what has to be done in the PI Center and in turn to define its system and organization. Mr. Miller emphasized that retrieval system should be designed not to the specific mission of the center but to the input. He feels that if reasonably readable photos are available they should be promptly furnished to whomever may be interested. Where photos are poor, he agreed that the specialized analysis of PI men would be needed. [] said we must be able to plot these photos and this requires considerable PI interpretation. Mr. Miller replied that the Minicard system is integrated with an electronic computer and the data from the flight record which calculates longitude and latitude as the photos are processed.

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2. The group agreed that the photographic center which would be needed for this project would have a dual function in that it must produce a detailed, orthodox type of PI study but at the same time this material should be quickly available for at least a preliminary survey by people particularly interested in the rough information.

3. Mr. Bissell outlined the two unknowns that still remain in reference to the PI center. First, in addition to the regular PI work, we will have a still undefined function of making the bulk of the material available to anyone qualified and interested to receive it. Second, the actual division of labor between the various Government PI organizations must be determined. After they have completed their specialized tasks on the photos, we will want them to give us the benefit of their studies and this information should be recorded with the negatives. In short, this means there are still long negotiations and discussions which will be required before we will know the PI center mission.

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25X1A. On Thursday, Drs. Land and Baker, and Messrs. Miller and Landahl and [] will meet in Rochester after having attended the demonstration of the new Minicard System. Mr. Miller urged [] ask whatever questions he feels necessary in the presence of both the Eastman officials and the senior advisers for the project. He also emphasized that once this session was over there will be little more opportunity to ask questions since the basic decisions must be made now. [] will spend Tuesday and Wednesday studying the system. Mr. Miller also noted that we will discuss on Thursday the rectification process which is of basic importance to the design of the equipment and cannot be changed once our order has been placed.

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